

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2133

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA PROCLAIMING SUPPORT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FLORIDA REQUEST TO GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE FOR CREATION OF AN ELECTION REFORM TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Florida have sent Governor Rick Scott a letter requesting that a bipartisan election reform task force is quickly convened and prepared to make recommendations to the Florida Legislature two weeks before the 2013 Florida Legislature session begins; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside Town Commission wishes to support the Women League of Voters in their call for the creation of a bipartisan election reform task force in light of the recent general election issues; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission is supportive of efforts to minimize difficulties that were encountered disproportionately by elderly and minority voters in the recent general election and preserve the right to vote.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Town of Surfside, Florida Town Commission expresses support of the letter dated November 14, 2012 (attachment "A") requesting Governor Rick Scott and members of the Florida Legislature convene an election reform task force.

Section 2. That the Town Clerk is authorized to send a copy of this resolution to the League of Women Voters of Florida.

Section 3. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15 day of January, 13.

Motion by Vice Mayor Commissioner Karukin, second by Commissioner Kligman.

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

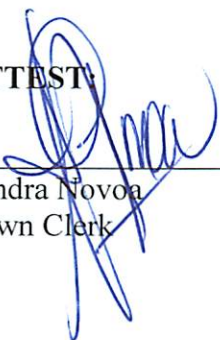
Commission Michelle Kligman
Commissioner Joseph Graubart
Commissioner Marta Olchyk
Vice Mayor Michael Karukin
Mayor Daniel Dietch

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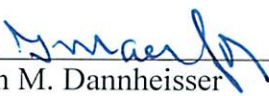
Daniel Dietch, Mayor

ATTEST:

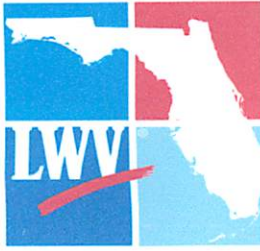


Sandra Novoa
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR
THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:



Lynn M. Dannheisser
Town Attorney



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November 14, 2012

Dear Governor Scott, President Gaetz and Speaker Weatherford:

In response to the multitude of problems experienced during Florida's 2012 general election, the League of Women Voters of Florida is formally requesting that you convene a bipartisan task force to develop a blueprint for successful election reform.

Specifically, we ask that the group be chaired by trusted bipartisan leaders and that appointees represent a cross-section of knowledgeable stakeholders, including citizens and representatives of the business community, with some expertise in elections, supported by adequate budget and staff. We ask that this task force begin its work quickly and deliver its final recommendations to the 2013 Legislature at least two weeks before the 2013 session begins, allowing time for bills to be filed.

Appointment of this task force would build on the success and progress of the 2000 task force appointed by Governor Jeb Bush, which effectively facilitated the conduct of elections. Identifying and taking steps to remedy Florida's election process will help our state regain its national reputation and increase our competitiveness for forward-thinking businesses.

We encourage you to support freedom and help the voters of Florida by convening this election reform task force.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Macnab
President